

much — that the *sous-gouverneur* des
pages du roi
(d'Alvimar) lost his life for having a
letter of
mine found among his papers. He
must have
kept it a long time, for I never wrote
to him
since May, 1792.

Half the houses in Paris are
confiscated. If
the words *Unite, Indivisibility de la*
Republique are
upon it, it is a sign the house is
employed in the
public service, or that it is given to
somebody
under that pretext. If *propriety*
Nationak is in-
scribed, it means that it is not yet sold.

Many churches are pulled down.
People buy
them and estates, and begin repaying
themselves
the money advanced as first payment, by
dilapi-
dation and cutting down timber, &c. So
that, if
ever they were to be ousted, they would
still have
made an excellent bargain.¹

Think of Major Gall's daughters
having been
put in prison as accomplices in the
taking of
Toulon !

November 22nd,
1796,

I have received Gall's passport, and
an evasive
answer about Smith.

¹ Most of the chateaux were purchased
with assignats
by a company called *la bande noire*, from their

pulling down
the buildings and devastating the woods.